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Electronic Data Transfer Helps Meet Reporting Requirements

The original waste tire manifest reporting system which began in 1995 allowed only the generator, hauler, or end-use facility to track waste tires, unless an audit was performed by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). There was no mechanism to track waste tires and penalize non-compliance. Since July 2003 every generator, hauler, and end-use facility in California that transports 10 or more tires must mail completed copies of the *new* waste and used tire manifest and trip log to the CIWMB. This paper trail allows the CIWMB to not only track tires, but also to cite violators. In an attempt to eliminate some of the use of paper, the CIWMB now has an automated system for reporting data. The use of computers in this activity can greatly facilitate Waste Tire Manifest System (WTMS) reporting and can benefit your business operation by reducing the time you spend to process, copy, and mail the mandated manifest forms as required in statute.

The Board's Electronic Data Transfer (EDT) Pilot Program now offers waste tire generators, haulers, and end-use facilities the opportunity to send trip log and manifest form data electronically. EDT program participants are allowed to continue to use their existing invoice forms as long as they capture all the information contained on the WTMS manifests and/or trip logs. CIWMB reviews the custom forms and approves them for use in the EDT program. EDT participants

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CHP is Enforcing the Law

The next time you drop off waste tires at a reuse facility or a landfill, you may be asked to show your current-year CIWMB waste tire hauler decal. This decal should already be placed on the front window of your truck if you are registered to haul 10 or more tires. In addition, you may need to show your waste tire hauler manifest and log. To find those who haul 10 or more tires without being registered to do so, the CIWMB is conducting ongoing checkpoints. Since the CHP might fine offenders, it's in your best interests to be sure that you have a 2004 decal before hauling any waste or used tires.

This coming year, the CIWMB and CHP will be expanding checkpoint operations throughout California. So far, the system has been effective. Local entities have joined in the effort to help the CIWMB regulate, track, and enforce the management of waste and used tires in California.

If you are a waste tire hauler who routinely transports 10 or more tires and

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also are allowed, with their customers' permission, to report WTMS data on behalf of their customers.

In most instances, WTMS participants have already collected most of the information required by the WTMS manifest and trip log forms. For example, many business owners may already use an automated accounting or reporting system for inventory control, billing, and/or accounting. Some may even use handheld computer equipment to track the flow of tires from one place to another. By collecting some additional data appearing on the WTMS manifest form and modifying your existing software to include this data, you turn your monthly reporting requirement into an efficient business practice instead of necessary but time-consuming paperwork. CIWMB has set up data transfer procedures that make this transfer of WTMS data from the WTMS participant to the Board easy and quick.

Golden By-Products, one of California's largest waste tire business operations, has been successfully reporting data monthly to the Board using the EDT system since July 2003. Jana Nairn of Golden By-Products said, "We've been in business for 35 years, and inventory control is our bottom line. The Board's manifest form and logging requirements are an extension of our overall accountability and checks and balances. Most the information required on the manifest form was captured before we began sending electronic data to the Board." Ms. Nairn explained, "If you are already gathering some information and entering it into a computer system, it makes sense to use EDT."

The Board is committed to helping California's waste tire businesses transition from reporting to the Board via paper to an automated system whereby reporting is done monthly. Some initial investment of time and money may be required to customize your existing software, but in the long term this investment will pay off generously. Electronic reporting will help you meet the legal requirements more efficiently—and, more importantly, the data collected can help you run a more efficient and successful business. Also, by using EDT, you can offer your customers a value-added service by reporting on their behalf. So, everyone wins.

For information on how you can participate in the Board's EDT program, contact Doug Ralston at (916) 341-6148.

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are not registered, now is the time to contact the CIWMB toll-free hotline to register. You will receive your free decal and may also request manifest/trip log forms. The hotline number is 1-866-896-0600.

Illegal Waste Tire Storage Resulted in Hefty Penalty

The law requires that a person storing from 500 to 4,999 waste tires must have a minor waste tire facility (WTF) permit. If 5,000 or more tires are stored, a major WTF permit is required. Yet, investigators are still finding non-permitted waste tire sites. Depositing waste tires without proper permits can lead to steep penalties for all parties involved.

One of the largest penalties assessed by an administrative law judge with the Los Angeles Office of Administrative Hearings occurred in 1999. In this case, both the property owner and the tire hauler were assessed a hefty penalty. The property owner, who allowed more than 200,000 tires to be stored on his non-permitted property in Littlerock, California, was assessed a penalty of \$150,000. During the investigation, he stated that he was uncomfortable with the number of stored waste tires collected on his property by the hauler. However, he was hesitant to evict the hauler for fear of being left with the responsibility of removing the tires from his property.

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In addition, the tire hauler was assessed a \$300,000 penalty for storing waste tires without obtaining a permit. He had collected tires from approximately a 100-mile area traveling from Lancaster to Santa Ana. Whereas the standard removal charges range from \$1.00 to \$1.25 per tire, allowing for the cost of disposal, the hauler only charged \$.60 to remove each tire. Instead of properly disposing of the collected tires, the hauler decided to accumulate the tires on the leased property. An individual driving in Littlerock spotted the tires and reported the allegedly illegal stockpile to the CIWMB.

CIWMB staff accompanied by representatives of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services conducted an investigation of the site. Inspectors found waste tires piled in an area measuring approximately 240 feet long by 120 feet wide, and five to six feet high. It was also determined that no WTF permits had been issued for this facility. The CIWMB made numerous requests asking the hauler and property owner to properly dispose of the tires. Neither the hauler nor the property owner complied with these requests, resulting in a cost to the consumer and taxpayer for the lawful removal and disposal of these waste tires.

Amnesty Days Coming Up

The CIWMB staff is in the process of reviewing grant applications for “amnesty day” events in 2004. These events allow the public to drop off waste tires at designated locations, promoting the cleanup of small illegal tire piles. Typically, local jurisdictions sponsor amnesty days and also produce and distribute educational materials on proper tire care and disposal during the event.

Haulers interested in hauling away tires that are dropped off during the amnesty day event may participate by calling their local city or county offices. The arrangements made between haulers and local entities may vary by location.

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Mail this form back to: **California Integrated Waste Management Board, Waste Tire Hauler Program (MS-22), P.O. Box 4025, Sacramento, CA 95812-4025.**

Q & A

Does my automobile insurance cover my surety bond?

No. An insurance broker sells surety bonds. For a listing of surety bond companies, visit CIWMB's Web site at www.ciwmb.ca.gov/Tires/Haulers/Suretyco.htm.

How long am I covered under my surety bond?

Coverage periods vary from one to three years. Check with your insurance company for the length of your coverage.

E-mail your questions to WasteTires@ciwmb.ca.gov, mail them to us (see subscription form or return address below), or call our toll-free hotline at 1-866-896-0600.

Remember when completing your manifest/log forms—

- ✓ Complete the entire form.
- ✓ Check the **pick-up or delivery box**.
- ✓ Enter the **log number**.
- ✓ Enter the **correct decal number**.
- ✓ Enter the **load amount**.
- ✓ **Do not staple or tape** the form.

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